

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 15, 2008

The Honorable Commission convened at the Huntsville with the following present: Susan Carter, Presiding Commissioner, Doug Galaske, Eastern District Commissioner, Randy Asbury, Western District Commissioner, and Nancy Copenhagen, Deputy County Clerk.

9:10 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0). Robin Fitzgerald, Director of Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments (MTRCG), and Moberly Special Road District (MSRD) representatives Ted Sander, Larry White, and Cliff Miller arrived for the public hearing.

9:15 a.m., Com. Carter convened a public hearing regarding the proposed North Sugar Creek Township Project enhancing roads and bridges. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$447,000. Mr. Miller mentioned he had talked to Ron Watts from MoDOT about the possibility of using County BRO funds for bridgework, with MSRD providing the match. Com. Galaske noted that this money would be needed for ongoing County bridge projects.

9:25 a.m., Kelly Henderson with Great River Engineering arrived. Mrs. Fitzgerald reported a need for in kind and cash to total \$60,000 and that at least \$10,000 of that amount should be cash rather than in-kind donation. Mr. Sander said the MSRD could provide \$10,000 in gravel and \$50,000 in in kind donation. No other citizens were present for input.

9:50 a.m., Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded adopting the resolution of the County of Randolph stating intent to seek funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program and authorizing the Presiding Commissioner to pursue activities in an attempt to secure funding; motion carried (3-0) and Com. Carter signed the documents.

10:15 a.m., Visitor Richard Hoffman came in to observe. Higbee Mayor Charla Bankhead arrived. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Galaske seconded choosing MTRCOG as the administrator of the project and GRE as engineer for the project due to past relationships, familiarity with the project, and the expedited time frame under which the project must be completed; motion carried (3-0).

10:20 a.m., Commissioners and several interested parties participated in a discussion of action required to remedy the collapsed bridge near Higbee and respond to the letter from Kansas City Southern Railroad. Participants were: Higbee Mayor Charla Bankhead, citizen Rebecca Hocker, Ron Watts from MoDOT District 2, Don Schwartze and Rod Massman from MoDOT multi modal division, and Michael Purol and Kelly Henderson from GRE. Discussion revolved around fixing the collapsed bridge, railroad crossings in Higbee, and the other Higbee railroad bridge east of town. It was decided that Mr. Massman would research old records from the PSC when it regulated railroads, inquiring of former Commissioners regarding agreements made when Gateway Western owned the railroad, Mr. Watts researching of old bridge maintenance records, and Mr. Purol drafting a letter to the railroad from the Commission. The meeting ended at 11:15.

10:45 a.m., Jail Supervisor Steve Holman called, speaking to Com. Asbury. He reported that there are currently 80 inmates with 13 more to possibly arrive, and requested permission to add part-time staff temporarily.

Com. Carter reported that the County would receive \$1,000 reimbursement from the remonumentation project. She has also had a call from a company hired to clean up the derailment from the pipeline derailment on CR 2570.

11:30 a.m., Engineers Michael Purol and Kelly Henderson remained to discuss the CR 1660 project, giving the evaluation and proposal from GRE. Even with SemMaterials supplying oil for the new chip seal, Mr. Purol expressed concern that lack of adequate drainage would cause the road to deteriorate again rapidly. He suggests ditching the 1.8-mile road; the first 1.3 miles being relatively simple but cutting through ridges on the remaining roadway would be more difficult. He estimates \$30,000 for the first 1.3 miles. Commissioners will discuss this further with Dirk Miller and Bill Dougherty.

11:40 a.m., Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded approval of the invoices for costs of the April election; motion carried (3-0) and checks were signed. Com. Asbury had to leave to attend a meeting in Jefferson City.

12:00 p.m., Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty came in to report another unauthorized mud run on County property near the Justice Center with lots of mud left on the roadway.

Nicole Workman from MGM Marketing called regarding the cleanup from the train derailment on CR 2570. The company would like to do the clean up next week, will put up road closure signs on 2560/2570 and 2580/2570 and the project should take 3-5 days. Com. Carter asked for an agreement to be sent in writing as to the work to be done and responsibility for damage remediation.

Commissioners received correspondence from Circuit Clerk Peggy Boots that the bid from Mid-Continent Micrographic was awarded for the project of microfilming court records in 2008.

12:30 p.m., Com. Asbury called from his car that he had visited with Sheriff Mark Nichols and Jail Supervisor Steve Holman about the request for additional help. The hire would be part-time, no benefits, for a short period of time during high volume situations or holiday/vacation crunch.

12:45 p.m., the meeting recessed to allow Commissioners to assess the progress of the Justice Center restoration project.

1:10 p.m., Com. Carter and Com. Galaske arrived at the Justice Center for the scheduled final walk through and inspection of the Kelley Klean remediation project. Joining in the inspection were: Circuit Judge Scott Hayes and Secretary Paula Delaney, Circuit Clerk Peggy Boots, court Reporter Mary Ellen Creed, Associate Circuit Judge Cynthia Suter. Maintenance Supervisor Rick Howard arrived later. Approval of the work was given with the following to be fixed: broken tiles in several bathroom areas, non-working faucets and electrical outlets. Commissioners were handed paperwork with estimates of carpet installation by Kelly Klean and will discuss with Com. Asbury by conference call later in the day. On another issue, Judge Hayes asked that a water fountain be re-installed in the Moberly courthouse.

2:00 p.m., Com. Carter and Com. Galaske met with Jail supervisor Steve Holman who has expressed the need for part-time help in the jail. Com. Carter will schedule Mr. Holman and Sheriff Nichols for a meeting next week to discuss the matter.

2:15 p.m. Commissioners left the Justice Center to return to the Huntsville Courthouse. Enroute they inspected the area of the County farm used by the Lions Club for mud runs in response to a report of use over the weekend that left the field gouged and the road leading out of the Justice Center caked in mud. There was damage to the field. Com. Carter will contact club representative Jeff Webster to discuss the damage.

2:30 p.m., Commissioners handled correspondence.

3:00 p.m., Com. Asbury joined the meeting via conference call while traveling back from Jefferson City. He was brought up to date on the afternoon's meetings and discussions. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Carter seconded a change order in the Kelley Klean contract to include carpet installation in the amount of \$3271.74; motion carried (3-0).

3:20 p.m., Commissioners decided to table choosing the Wiley Ferguson Living Memorial Scholarship recipient until Thursday's meeting.

3:30 p.m., meeting adjourned.

Susan Carter *Randy Asbury* *Doug Galaske*